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Evidence that Belief in Demons is
Vanishing With Other Superstitions

The time-spirit has fled away from the minds of the most intelligent believers of today the belief in an evil being, or ruler of the visible world, forever troubling men, especially the righteous, with corporeal apparitions of himself. Instead of exorcising the mad, we send them into asylums, where they are properly looked after. In Great Britain, except in remote corners of Cornwall, of Ireland, and of the Scotch Highlands, and among Celts, one never hears of magical cures and incantations which will alleviate sickness and arrest bleeding. In the age of the Gospels, everyone, from the beggar in the streets to the emperor on the throne, believed in the existence of demons infesting men and animals, haunting trees and rivers, even inhabiting statues as their tenements. It was only a question of which name was most potent in exorcism. In that age, as in the ages that followed, there was a background of demonological belief into which fitted the stories which are a stumbling-block to modern divines like Farrar and Ian Maclaren. In the age of the Reformation, this background of belief in evil spirits causing madness and sickness and bad weather was still intact, and entered as a factor into men's lives and conduct to a degree which only those can realize who will consult the literature of that age. Even Luther, who burst so many bonds of superstition, never questioned the reality of the visits which the devil paid him.

With the disappearance from the minds of the cultivated of the belief in Satan and his angels, a great part of the narrative of the New Testament has been left hanging in the air, and without any points of attachment in the minds of believers. On the one hand, our divines are bound by a traditional reverence for the letter of the Bible not to question openly any of its narratives. On the other hand, their views of man, of the universe, of Providence, and of the general course of history, of what is possible and probable, have undergone such a revolution that narratives like the temptation, the swine of Gadara, even the angelic apparitions are mere stumbling-blocks. In the English church, moreover, their ordination vows and in the Non-Conformist congregations the chapel deeds commit them to an outworn belief; and there is always a minority of obscurantists ready to hurl at them hard words like "skeptic," "rationalist," "backslider," and "atheist," if they venture to speak out. Most of them, therefore, feel the ice so thin that they carefully avoid a discussion of miracles or of evil spirits. If they can not avoid it, they mechanically restate standpoints which they have really overcome, repeating, parrot-like, formulae of another age. Small wonder that the English clergy are given up to petty quarrels about lights and incense, when they may not boldly grapple with the great issues of belief, which yet are in everybody's mind. The result is that an ever-increasing number of laymen dispense with their ministrations, and leave a blank too often filled by weak women who want a priest assuming miraculous attributes to direct their consciences. Nor is it in Anglo-Saxon and Teutonic communities alone that there has set in a decay of those demonological beliefs, which, after it has gone certain way, can not but give an air of strangeness, unreality, and isolation to much of the New Testament. I have heard Italian monks ridicule their parishioners for their belief in demons and admit that the priestly exorcisms by which the evil spirits were cast out were purely conventional.

Notes.

Bishop William Ford Nichols, representative of the Senior Bishop of the Episcopal Church of America, has succeeded Bishop Alfred Willis as the authoritative head of the see of Honolulu.

The Republicans scored an easy victory in the Fourth District

special election by discovering that both the Home Rule and Democratic nominees were ineligible for the office for which they were named.

CECIL RHODES DEAD.

Will be Buried in Maloppo Hills in Africa.

Cape Town, March 26.—Cecil Rhodes died peacefully at 5:57 P.M. He passed a fairly good night, and this morning his condition was reported as unchanged. At noon his heart weakened, but later he rallied somewhat, and during the afternoon he slept. Toward evening his breathing became labored and his strength failed rapidly. He was conscious until 5:55, when he muttered a few words and sank rapidly.

The immediate cause of his death was two successive attacks of heart failure. At his bedside were Dr. Jameson, Dr. J. W. Smartt, the Commissioner of Public Works; Colonel Elmhurst Rhodes, director of signalling of the South African Field Force, and Mr. Walton, a member of the Assembly of Port Elizabeth.

Mr. Rhodes' last words were the names of his brother and some of the others present, which were meant to be good-bys. The only person who attended him during his illness who was not present at his deathbed was Dr. Stevenson. All the others, his "boys," and personal servants, were admitted at the last.

The body will be taken to Groot Schuur, the residence of the deceased, near Cape Town, on a special train tomorrow. There it will probably lie in state for a day or two, and the public will be admitted to view the remains. The features of the dead man are placid, and a death mask of them will be taken.

Paris, March 27.—Lord Rosebery arrived in Paris this morning from London. The Patrie says he made the following statement to a reporter:

"Mr. Chamberlain was only an instrument in the hands of Rhodes. Now that the latter has disappeared, what will become of the member from Birmingham? English opinion has had enough of a policy based solely on force, which has only created for us enemies in Europe and cast us into a conflict in which thousands of our sons have perished. A ministerial crisis in England now would not be surprising. Possibly, because of the coronation, King Edward will prevent this by ending the war and directing English policy into new channels, more in conformity with justice and the rights of peoples."

Rhodes' Will in London.

London, March 28.—The executors of the late Cecil Rhodes are Lord Rosebery, Earl Grey, Alfred Beit, a director of the British Chartered South Africa Company; Mr. Mitchell, B. A. Hawksley, counsel for the British Chartered South Africa Company, and Dr. Jameson. The original will of Mr. Rhodes is in London and will be published shortly.

After a slight hesitation at the opening of the Stock Exchange the tone of Kaffirs was distinctly firmer, showing that Rhodes' death had been discounted.

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To take effect March 1, 1902. Trains will leave Hilo as follows; Sundays excepted:

Train.	Class	Hilo	Olaa Mill	Keanu	Ferndale	Mountain View
1	Passeng'r	A.M. 7:30	7:20	7:30	7:45	8:00
2	Freight	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
3	Passeng'r	P.M. 3:30	3:50	4:00	4:15	4:30

RETURNING—NORTH. Leaves Mountain View:

Train	Class	Mountain View	Ferndale	Keanu	Olaa Mill	Hilo
4	Passeng'r	A.M. 8:30	8:45	9:00	9:10	9:30
5	Freight	P.M. 1:30	1:45	2:00	2:30	3:00
6	Passeng'r	5:00	5:15	5:30	5:40	6:00

SOUTH—Sunday Trains leave Hilo for Mountain View.

Train	Class	Hilo	Olaa Mill	Keanu	Ferndale	Mountain View
1	Passeng'r	A.M. 8:00	8:20	8:30	8:45	9:00
3	"	P.M. 3:30	3:50	4:00	4:15	4:30

RETURNING—NORTH. Sunday Trains leave Mountain View.

Train	Class	Mountain View	Ferndale	Keanu	Olaa Mill	Hilo
4	Passeng'r	A.M. 9:30	9:45	10:00	10:10	10:30
6	"	P.M. 5:00	5:15	5:30	5:40	6:00

SOUTH—Trains will leave Hilo for Puna every Thursday and Sunday

Train	Class	Hilo	Olaa Mill	Pahoa	Puna
7	Mixed	Thursday A.M. 11:00	11:20	11:40	12:00
8	Passeng'r	Sunday A.M. 9:00	9:20	9:40	10:00

RETURNING—NORTH. Leaves Puna:

Train	Class	Puna	Pahoa	Olaa Mill	Hilo
9	Mixed	Thursday P.M. 1:00	1:20	1:40	2:00
10	Passeng'r	Sunday P.M. 3:25	3:45	4:05	4:25

Excursion tickets will be sold on Saturdays and Sundays at reduced rates, good until the following Sunday noon. Commutation tickets are now sold, good for twenty-five trips between Hilo and Olaa at a reduced rate, subject to certain conditions printed on the same.

W. H. LAMBERT, Supt.